

# Organic Livestock Production

## Organic Certification Program



### See Also:

- What Is Organic?
- Organic Production in Montana
- National Organic Program
- Organic Crop Production
- Organic Livestock Production
- Organic Handling Facilities
- Organic Certification
- How to be Certified
- Converting to Organic Production
- Sources of Organic Information

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## • Feeds

*Healthy soils produce healthy crops, which grow healthy animals...organic livestock must eat organic feed.*

- Practices
  - Purchased feed must be certified organic
  - Pastures and fields where feed is grown must be certified
  - Feed additives/supplements must be on approved list

## • Animal Health

*Animal health is maintained by low-stress management which allows the animal to express its natural behavior.*

- Practices
  - Vaccinations
  - Adequate Nutrition
  - Sanitation
  - Proper Living Conditions (see below)
  - Medications must be on approved list

## • Living Conditions

*Conditions must allow animals to express their natural behaviors.*

- Practices
  - Access to outdoors, sunshine, fresh air and shelter
  - Ample space and freedom of movement
  - Pasture for ruminants
  - Appropriate clean, dry bedding material

## • Marketing

*Organic production is a distinct process, whose products are recognized as value-added in the marketplace.*

- Practices
  - Independent Third-Party Certification and Inspection
  - Documented Procedures to Protect Product Integrity

## • Prohibited

*Growth hormones, antibiotics, GMO's, synthetic parasiticides, irradiation*

***Sick animals must be treated as necessary to prevent suffering, but if treatment includes prohibited products, the animal cannot be sold as organic.***